4. To upgrade training centers to improve quality of training to Railway Protection Force personnel.

5. Intensive publicity and public awareness campaigns alerting and educating all passengers/public to remain vigilant against any unidentified/unclaimed suspicious objects lying on platforms, other premises or coaches and to report to RPF/GRP/Railway officials available nearby.

6. Frequent announcements at all stations alerting passengers to be vigilant about suspicious movement of co-passengers and not to touch any suspicious luggage/bag especially in general compartments.

7. Steps to prevent entry of unauthorized persons in trains and in empty coaching rakes at originating/destination stations, before and after placement in maintenance sidings.

8. Close co-ordination with GRP/State Police/Central Intelligence agencies to prevent any untoward incident.

9. The contact telephone numbers of concerned higher officers of Security Directorate, Railway Board have been inserted in All India Railway Time Table i.e. 'Trains—at—a—Glance" for assisting the passengers in need of immediate help.

10. The Railways are also in the process of preparing contingency plans at the Divisional Railway level to deal with contingencies arising out of sudden bomb blasts. These plans will be put into operation jointly with the help of State Police and Government Railway Police (GRP).

Stoppage of wastage and value addition under Horticulture Mission

*184. SHRI EKANATH K. THAKUR: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the Rs. 15,000 crore horticulture mission is

taking big steps forward as agricultural scientists are coming up with do's and don'ts for preventing the colossal waste of fruits and vegetables in the country;

(b) whether it is also a fact that agricultural scientists are working on the linkages for intensifying efforts for value addition in fruits and vegetables as part of the horiculture mission; and

(c) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI SHARAD PAWAR): (a) to (c) A Centrally Sponsored Scheme on National Horticulture Mission (NHM) was launched during the Tenth Five Year Plan, commencing from 2005-06 with a total outlay of Rs. 2300.00 crore for the Plan period for the holistic development of the horticulture sector covering production, post harvest management and marketing, with the active participation of all stake holders. 'In principle' approval has also been given for implementing the Scheme during the Eleventh Five Year Plan with an outlay of Rs. 15,000.00 crore. The Scheme has provision for setting up infrastructural facilities for post harvest management, such as pack houses, cold storages, Controlled Atmosphere (CA) storages, refrigerated vans/containers and mobile processing units for increasing the marketability of the horticulture produce, adding value to the produce, increasing profitability and reducing losses of the produce.

Technologies for such infrastructure developed by the institutions under the Indian Council of Agricultural Research (ICAR) and Council of Scientific and Industrial Research (CSIR), besides Horticulture Departments under the State Agricultural Universities (SAUs) are being transferred to he farmers and entrepreneurs.

For proper linkage between research and development on all aspects of horticulture, including post harvest management and value addition, a Research Advisory Committee has been envisaged under NHM with the involvement of Scientists of ICAR, CSIR, SAUs and other Research organizations.